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They're off at the Soap Box Derby June 18 stage by the Didsbury Car Club. From left Colton Campbell, Payton McMane and Tristan Bernard take off down the starting ramp.

## Postal service prepares for labour disruption

BY FRANK DABBS  
MVP Staff

Unless Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) mail carriers settle their differences, Didsbury may experience mail service disruptions after July 2.

That is the date on which CUPW can call a strike or Canada Post can declare a lockout.

On April 4, Canada Post filed notices of dispute with the federal minister of labour requesting conciliation in the negotiations. The action also set the date for the start of a possible strike or lockout.

"The Canadian Union of Postal Workers and Canada Post have signed a memorandum of understanding that live animals and pension cheques will

be delivered (in the event of a strike or lockout)," said Barbara Lilly, the president of CUPW Local 818 on June 15.

The four inside workers in the Didsbury post office are part of a different CUPW bargaining unit and would continue to work, but may not have mail to distribute to local mailboxes, said Lilly.

If a strike is called by the carriers, inside workers at the Calgary mail plant would continue to distribute mail to regional post offices.

If the corporation locks out the workers, "everything shuts down, including the big mail sorting plant," Lilly said.

"Everything is up in the air," Lilly said. Local 818 includes the two rural-suburban mail carriers in Didsbury. There are 264 members in the local.

## Town open houses set this week

The Town of Didsbury will host two open houses June 22 to get public feedback on the new strategic plan and two on June 23 to present concepts for the Didsbury Memorial Complex grounds.

The events will be held in the upstairs lounge of the curling rink at the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

Manager of community services Nicole Aasen said community surveys for each project are to be conducted to reach those unable to attend the open houses.

The strategic plan open houses will take place June 22 at 2 and 7 p.m.

The current strategic plan is for the 2014-2017 period. Town council and administration are embarking on a new plan to follow it.

"These two meetings will give residents an opportunity to offer their feedback on strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges that the municipality will have in the coming years," said Aasen.

"The town is in the process of developing a 10-year dynamic plan to guide our future development and a valuable component is community engagement," she said.

The pair of open houses on June 23 will debut design concepts for the Memorial Complex grounds, said Aasen.

"The project would see the redevelopment of the grounds surrounding the recreational facilities," she said.

The open houses for the Memorial Complex grounds will take place from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

## Newspaper has contingency plan

The *Didsbury Review* has a contingency plan in place for distribution of newspapers in the event of a postal disruption.

"If there is a Canada Post strike or lockout in upcoming weeks, rest assured the *Didsbury Review* and its second section, the *Mountain View Gazette*, will still be distributed as we know how important the newspaper is to our readers," said *Didsbury Review* publisher Murray Elliott.

Distribution of the *Review* within the town of Didsbury would not be affected as Canada Post does

not deliver the newspaper in this area. The *Review* employs a dedicated team of carriers to do this.

For readers outside the town in the rural areas who receive their newspaper through Canada Post, the *Review* will be increasing the number of copies available at all store and institution locations where the newspaper is normally distributed, where out-of-town readers can pick up their copies.

Please see the advertisement on page 8 of this week's issue for exact locations. Street vending boxes may also be placed strategically in some rural areas.



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# Library 3-D printer stolen

## Budget hit devasating

BY FRANK DABBS  
MVP Staff

One of the Didsbury Municipal Library's 3-D printers has been stolen and the financial blow to the library's budget can't be made good without help says library manager Inez

Kosinski.

The printer is a distinctive lime green and is small enough to fit in a backpack. Kosinski said.

"A parent many notice that a child has a new toy," she said.

The printer was set up near the main door of the library when it went

missing. The Library also has a large 3-D printer that would not be easily removed.

It would cost about \$400 to replace, but we simply do not have the dollars in our tight budget, said Kosinski.

A donation of the replacement money can be leveraged through the

Great Canadian Giving Challenge, Kosinski said. A donation in June will make the charity eligible to register for a \$10,000 draw to be held on Canada Day.

The Great Canadian Giving Challenge is being sponsored by CanadaHelps and the GIV Foundation.

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## PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday June 28, 2016 at 6:00 pm

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Wednesday July 13, 2016 at 4:30 pm

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.



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## Press Release

### Didsbury open houses scheduled for public feedback

DIDSBURY - Didsbury residents will have a number of opportunities to share their feedback this week, when the Town of Didsbury hosts open houses on two different topics.

First up are two open houses regarding the upcoming Strategic Plan that Council and Administration are embarking on. These two meetings will give residents an opportunity to offer their feedback on the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges that the municipality has, and will have in the coming years. The Town is currently in the process of developing a 10-year dynamic plan to guide our future development and a valuable component of that development is a community engagement piece.

The Strategic Plan Open Houses are scheduled for Wednesday, June 22 at 2 pm and 7 pm upstairs in the Didsbury Curling Rink. The Town will also be undertaking a community survey in the coming months to obtain feedback from those residents unable to attend.

The second set of open houses is intended to debut the proposed design concepts for the Didsbury Memorial Complex Outlying Grounds. The project would see the re-development of the grounds surrounding our recreation facilities and proposes new outdoor facilities including: a new skatepark, playgrounds, courts, green space and trail system. Feedback is sought on these two different options that will be implemented in coming years.

The Complex Outlying Grounds Open Houses will be held Thursday, June 23 from 2 - 4 pm and 6 - 8 pm, also upstairs in the Didsbury Curling Rink. A community survey will also be held for this project for those residents that are unable to attend.

## ROLLOUT CART PICK-UP SCHEDULE

	June	July
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Green/Blue	21, 22, 23	5, 6, 7, 19, 20, 21

Please visit [www.didsbury.ca](http://www.didsbury.ca) and view the Waste Pick-Up Map to find out what day your cart will be picked up.

Recycling Blue Carts will be picked up every SECOND week on your Compost Green Cart collection day. Please have carts out by 7:00 am.

## REMINDER

### 2016 Property Taxes

2016 property taxes are due June 30, 2016  
1st penalty of 4% will be applied on July 4, 2016  
(exception annexed properties only: due date is September 15, 2016)

Questions? Please contact the  
Tax Department at 403.335.3391 ext 1107

## Community Programming

**Proud To Be A Didsburian** - Didsbury FCSS is proud to partner with the Didsbury Museum for this fun program being held at the Didsbury Museum where we will explore the history of Didsbury, play games, have a snack & make a craft! Ages 7 - 12, the cost is \$5.00/child. Dates for this program are July 6 and 20 and August 10 & 24 from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Registration deadline is the Wednesday before each session.

**Paint & Picnic** - Bring a lunch, bring a lawn chair.....we will supply the canvas, paint and the brushes! Join us in the Kinsmen Park (Toddler Park), weather permitting, for a fun afternoon of painting. Dates for this program are Monday, July 11 & 25 and August 8 & 22 from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Take one class or join for all 4. Prices are \$15.00/class or \$55.00 for all 4 classes. Registration deadline is the Wednesday before each session.

**Youth Field Trip** - Join us for some fun in the sun as we spend the day at the beach in Sylvan Lake! The bus will be leaving July 12 & August 23 at 9:00 am - 4:30 pm for youth ages 10 - 15. Please register before July 5 and August 16. This field trip is weather dependant, participants are asked to meet in the Multi-Purpose Room. Cost is \$30/youth.

Call Didsbury Neighborhood Place to register 403.335.8719

## New Development Permit Applications

The following Development Permits have been issued for these proposed developments:

DP 16-055  
DP 16-057  
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Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 pm on July 4, 2016.

Kristopher Pickett/Phil Boucher - Development Officers

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Photo courtesy of Barb Heidebrecht

The nine members of the Al Hussein family from Syria and 60 of their best Canadian friends celebrated their successful immigration to Canada after fleeing war in their homeland with a potluck supper at Berghal Mennonite Church June 11.

## Community Briefs

### Blood donor clinic sets record

The Didsbury blood clinic set a record for donations June 13 when 165 donors came through the door to give 141 units of blood.

Hospital auxiliary volunteer Shirley Thompson said 34 new donors gave blood.

Twenty-five people were deferred to a later date, she said.

Deferrals are made for blood system protection reasons such as when a donor volunteer has recently travelled to a foreign country.

"We aren't sure why we had such a good turnout," Thompson said.

Canadian Blood Services considers the donation of 100 units makes the clinic "well worth the effort," she said.

The contributors to this clinic came from surrounding towns such as Carstairs as well as from Didsbury, said Thompson.

The next blood clinic is scheduled for Aug. 8 and will be held at the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

### Town partners in downtown pop up park

The Town of Didsbury and Home Hardware founder Dennis VanDyck have teamed up with community volunteer Kevin Bentley to create a pop-up park this summer on 20th St. south of AG Foods.

Council voted unanimously at its June 14 meeting to lease a lot owned by VanDyck from June 15 to Oct. 15 for \$1.

That lease will pass the liability of the park to the Town of Didsbury, removing the biggest impediment to the launching of the park.

Bentley and a team of volunteers that he will recruit and organize will participate in the park project.

Plans for amenities include a staging area for the summer reading program for children and music, a picnic area, a container garden, an out-

door games area, murals and a container garden.

There will be a drop-by at the site June 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to get an orientation to the project.

Home Hardware and Dennis VanDyck have committed to develop a 1,000-tulip bulb garden in the park using the Canada 150 Tulip. Home Hardware is the exclusive distributor of the Canada 150 Tulip to commemorate Canada's 150th sesquicentennial in 2017.

This commitment paves the way for the park to pop up again in 2017.

### Didsbury mixed doubles curler wins bursary

Charley Thomas, a mixed doubles national team curler who hails from Didsbury has been

awarded a \$5,000 bursary from the Team Investors Group Amateur Athletes Fund.

Thomas is one of 20 Canadian amateur athletes to be named a 2016 recipient. Olds wrestler Danielle Lappage and sledge hockey star Kieran Block from Edmonton are the other Albertans awarded bursaries.

"It's a huge honour to be selected," Thomas. "It will allow me to dedicate even more of my time to my sport so that I can continue to strive to be on the podium at the 2018 Winter Olympic Games."

### Suicide awareness board at arena

The Town of Didsbury will spend \$1,000 for a

suicide awareness board including the 1-800 suicide hot line number along the Memorial Complex ice surface.

Development of the board will be funded by the council budget and the cost of having it on display for a year will come from the community services budget, town council decided June 15.

The boards along the ice surface at the arena are a popular advertising venue for small business in Didsbury.

The playing surface gets year-round usage. The ice surface is used in winter for Ramblers and Junior B hockey and the cement floor when the ice is removed is a popular surface for lacrosse and inline hockey.

### Five-0 leases renewed

Leases on two town-owned buildings used by the Five-0 Club have been renewed for a year with the town taking over snow removal and lawn maintenance.

Town council approved the two lease renewals June 15 after a decision for the continued use of the lawn bowling club,

known as the east building, at 22nd Ave. and 16th St. for Five-0 Club floor curling and shuffleboard.

The west building at 15th Ave. and 25th St. is used by the club for regular meetings and meetings that have meals as part of the program.

The town will take over snow removal at the west building and lawn maintenance at the east building.

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Ross Ford Elementary School Grade 4 teacher Janet Gole helps Grade 4 student Sarah Hutchinson water freshly planted beet seeds at the school's garden on May 18.

# The Year of Living Musically

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## Didsbury breathes music

There is live music in the churches, in the bars, at celebrations like the rodeo and block party and from the CPR Holiday Train in December.

The musical year starts, if the year that never stops has a start, when students at Ross Ford Elementary, Westglen and Didsbury High schools return to class and resume a music education that begins in kindergarten and ends in Grade 12.

There isn't a music plan, but the teachers in the three schools have a mutual understanding to impart music education to any student who wants it.

Half of the 250 students in the high school are in the music program.

The biggest concerts of the past 12 months were the Didsbury High School Christmas concert and the Joy Abounds fundraiser staged in May.

Performances by the high school's Odds and Evens jazz ensembles and the Symphonic Winds band marked the annual Christmas concert, this past year on Dec. 1.

The May 27 concert staged by Didsbury Services to the Needy Coalition raised more than \$10,000 for the town's compassion fund and the high school.

The trademark of the concert's success came when half the full-house audience at the Zion church gathered with the Didsbury Valley Singers and the Cripple Creek Band to sing Lean on Me.

Zion church, with the splendid acoustics of its sanctuary and its welcoming New Testament outlook, is the intersection between school music and the community.

The high school music program used the church sanctuary in May to record its biennial CD, this year called Gypsy Winds after its title track. In November, Johnny Summers

taught at the Chinook's Edge sixth annual Jazz Fest using the Zion church as the venue for his workshops.

The Westglen School band stages concerts for audiences of fellow students, teachers, parents and friends.

In the past year, they performed a noon-hour Christmas concert Dec. 9 and staged an evening concert June 1. The band also did a guest gig for Ross Ford Elementary School at the noon hour on June 6.

In addition, grades 7 and 8 students attend band camps in January and February.

Didsbury has strong private teaching programs.

The largest and highest profile one is Top Note Music School, directed by Teena Wilks who also teaches the music program at Ross Ford Elementary School.

Top Note has been in the community for 40 years, and has more than 10 teachers including professional singing development teacher Monika with a K, who started her music education in Didsbury.

Hundreds of Top Note students over the years — no one has kept an accurate count — have earned Royal Conservatory of Music grades in piano, violin, guitar, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, clarinet, flute, euphonium and percussion.

Top Note students come from Crossfield, Carstairs, Water Valley, Cremona, Three Hills, Olds, Innisfail and Bowden as well as Didsbury.

The Top Note program continues in the summer with music and craft camps.

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Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce president Margo Ward presents Corinna Balon of the Wildrose Humane Society with a free 2017 chamber membership that was drawn at the annual steak barbecue June 15 at the Didsbury Golf Club. In addition to the chamber membership, draws included gifts from CAB-K Broadcasting, Dick's Auto Service, Pine & Ivy, Front Porch Realty and Mountain View Credit Union.

## Police briefs

### Sexual assailant used bear spray

RCMP issued an arrest warrant for a 30-year-old Bowden man after an assault in Didsbury in which the victim was punched by the perpetrator's accomplice, then pepper-sprayed.

Tyler Wayne Rutledge is wanted in connection with the attack and is believed to have fled the area. Police do not know the identity of the young female who participated in the incident.

Cpl. Resus Organ said the man allegedly sexually assaulted a woman in her home then returned to the scene with his female partner in crime. The victim refused to admit them to the house until they threatened to mace her.

As soon as she opened the door, the victim said the female punched her. She locked herself in the bathroom and the male sprayed her through a hole in the wall.

The victim then ran out of the house and sought help from a neighbour.

When police arrived, the assailants had fled, Resus said. "Rutledge has a long history of this type of sexual attack," said Resus.

### Narcotics robbed from Value Drug Mart

In the early morning hours of June 12, thieves broke the glass door entrance to Value Drug Mart on 20th Street in downtown Didsbury.

They made off with narcotics. Police have video of the crime and are investigating.

## Didsbury library makes 40 per cent on Parkland co-op dues

BY FRANK DABBS  
MVP Staff

In 2015, the Town of Didsbury and Mountain View County paid \$56,235 for the Didsbury Municipal Library to be a member of the Parkland Regional Library co-op, Parkland director Ron Sheppard told town council June 14.

In return, the library received \$78,905 in cash grants and services due to its Parkland connection.

Sheppard appeared before council to present Parkland's 2015 annual report to members. The Didsbury Municipal Library is one of the 64 libraries in the Parkland Regional Library system and is represented on the board by Coun. Gail Nowlan.

The town paid \$7.73 per capita for its 4,957 residents for a total of \$38,317 in 2015 to Parkland.

Mountain View County paid \$17,918 for the 2,318 rural residents who are designated users of the facility, Sheppard reported.

As a member of Parkland, the Didsbury library was eligible and received a \$12,864 rural library services grant from the province. Parkland also purchased for the local library \$9,457 in materials from Didsbury's allotment of \$1.30 per capita.

Sheppard explained that the purchases received an average bulk discount of 34 per cent that Parkland has negotiated – so the materials budget has an extra purchasing power of \$3,215.

Parkland gets the materials "shelf ready" by cataloging and processing the acquisitions. In 2015 that processing had a value to the Didsbury library of \$17,837.

Parkland provided IT and sup-

port, computer equipment and Internet service worth \$24,760 to the Didsbury library, said Sheppard.

The co-op also gave Didsbury professional support and development with a value of \$2,384. The Alberta Library membership that gives the Didsbury library card patron privileges at libraries throughout the province was worth \$291.

Didsbury's access to Parkland special collections including large print books, ebooks, eAudio-books, local histories and platform subscriptions was a \$2,255 value, Sheppard told council.

"We simply could not give our patrons the level of service and access to materials that we do now without the Parkland Regional Library membership," said library manager Inez Kosinski.

## Work moves slowly on major projects

BY FRANK DABBS  
MVP Staff

Construction work on the Didsbury fire hall and the hospital emergency heliport is moving ahead slowly but steadily, say officials for both projects.

Crews completed the dry walling the interior of the fire hall on the weekend of June 18. Painting of the walls will commence before the end of the month and flooring has been ordered, man-

ager of protective services Derek Sutherland said in a report to town council.

Fabrication for the stairs in the hose tower is nearly completed and the stairs will also be installed before the end of the month. Electrical crews are at work installing air supply drops in the truck bays, Sutherland said.

Outside paving will also start shortly and be completed before the end of June, Sutherland said.

Meanwhile over at the hospital

the retaining wall for the heliport is completed. Alberta Health Services stepped in to pay for the construction of the wall because AHS wanted it in spite of the Rosebud Foundation's belief that a wall was not necessary.

The Foundation is the "banker" for the project using funds raised from the community.

No date has been set for either official opening but the ribbon cutting for both is expected before the end of 2016.



Noel West/MVP Staff

From left, Gabe Pankrat, Mikayla Henderson and Aaric Wiper get out of an airplane after their flight during an Olds-Didsbury Flying Association flying day for children aged 8 to 17 at the Olds-Didsbury Airport on June 4.

## EARLY DEADLINES

for the **JULY 5** paper,  
as **FRIDAY, JULY 1** we are **CLOSED**

The Mountain View Gazette  
**AD BOOKING AND MATERIAL DEADLINE**  
is **TUESDAY, JUNE 28** at 4 p.m.

The **AD BOOKING DEADLINE**  
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Didsbury Review, Carstairs Courier  
& Sundre Round Up will be  
**Wednesday, June 29** at 4 p.m.



### Appreciation for Cowabunga 2016 to:

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Value Drug Mart

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# Christensens share teaching careers at reminisce

BY PATRICIA RILEY  
MVP Staff

Carstairs retirees Pat and Dale Christensen spoke of their teaching careers during the May 11 reminisce session at the Carstairs Heritage Centre.

They told several stories which sparked laughter in the audience and also talked about their family history and where their love for teaching came from.

Pat's grandmother was a teacher, Dale's mother was a teacher, and now their three children are teachers.

"As they say, nuts don't fall very far from the tree," said Pat.

They were married in 1968 in Calgary and moved to Carstairs in 1969. Pat was a city girl and wasn't so sure about living in a town of 800 people.

Dale got a job in Carstairs and Pat was pregnant with their first child, so they decided it would be best to live in Carstairs.

But when Dale drove Pat through town one rainy weekend in May, all she saw was mud.

"It had been raining for three solid days and Main Street was completely dug up because they were replacing the water mains," said Pat.

"I couldn't see anything through the mud. When he left for Carstairs on Tuesday morning I phoned my mother and just burst into tears, 'how am I going to survive in a place that's just

mud?'" she said.

But now, after living in Carstairs for many years, raising two sons and one daughter, working at Hugh Sutherland School and making many friends, she said she wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

"You couldn't blast me out of here. There's not enough money in the world to convince me to leave," she said.

"I love this town. I love the people in this town. I love what this town has to offer and I consider myself very blessed that Dale decided to move here 47 years ago."

However, she said there were more amenities in town at that time than there are now.

"When we first moved here this town was extremely self-sufficient. We really didn't have to travel anywhere to get anything," she said.

"And now, even though the town is bigger, we don't have some of the amenities that we used to have."

Dale spent many years working as a physical education teacher and outdoor education teacher.

He recalled when the first calculator came out and the vice-principal at the school purchased one for \$100 that could only add, subtract, multiply and divide.

He also served on town council and the fire department, which their daughter now serves on.

Pat worked as a drama teacher and put on a variety of productions during



Patricia Riley/MVP Staff

Pat and Dale Christensen spoke about their teaching careers in Carstairs during a reminisce session at the Carstairs Heritage Centre on May 11.

her time at Hugh Sutherland School, including Oliver, The Wizard of Oz and The Sound of Music.

She also joined the Village Voices choir group where she made many lifelong friends.

She won an excellence in teaching award in 1999 but said being asked to be a former student's matron of honour at her wedding was the most special award she ever received in her

career.

Since retiring, the Christensens have travelled to many places across the world, including England, New Zealand, Scotland, the Caribbean and Taiwan.

This story is part of a monthly reminisce speaker series held at the Carstairs Heritage Centre. Pat and Dale Christensen were the speakers for May's session.

## Crossing improvements suggested for Bowden

BY DOUG COLLIE  
MVP Staff

Transport Canada has suggested the Town of Bowden may want to have safety improvements done to a railway crossing in the community.

The railway crossing in question is located on 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, west of 20<sup>th</sup> Street.

Councillors and town staff are considering the idea but are leery, citing concerns about how expensive the project might be and how much of that bill the town might have to cover.

A Transport Canada website says its Grade Crossing Improvement Program can fund up to 50 per cent of the cost of such projects to a maximum of \$550,000 per project.

"Contributions cover the cost of safety improvements only and do not include future maintenance costs. Responsibility for remaining costs must be negotiated by the involved authorities (usually railway companies and municipalities)," an overview Transport Canada's website says.

"The scope of the improvements is at the discretion of the Town of Bowden and could include flashing lights, bells and/or gates. The cost would depend on improvements decided by the town," Transport Canada spokesman Sean Best says.

Applications to fund a project in 2017 must be received by Aug. 1 this year.

## District

# Big weekend in Torrington

Next weekend, June 25 and 26, a history book launch and reunion will be held in Torrington.

Saturday's events include a pancake breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m., and 20th anniversary celebrations at the Gopher Hole Museum.

At noon, a parade will be held, with longtime Calgary children's entertainer Buckshot as parade marshal.

The community centre's children's carnival will take place from 1 to 7 p.m.

The Silver Willows Senior Centre will also be celebrating its 40th anniversary. They meet in a former pool hall, one of two buildings in town that date back to the 1930s.

The history book launch will begin at 2 p.m. in the Ron Gorr Memorial Arena on the east end of town. People can purchase the history book and buy a memory stick with school pictures going back to the 1920s if they wish.

Visiting and reminiscing will take place until mid-afternoon in the arena. A historical exhibit with a slide/DVD show will be going and an evening meal will be available.

During the evening, former local musicians will perform.

On Sunday, events will begin again with a pancake breakfast which will run from 9 to 11 a.m.

At 11 a.m., a worship service will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Camping will be available.

For more information on the book launch, contact Dorothy Weimer at 1-403-556-2497, or go to the Torrington history book Facebook page. You can also contact [torringtonhistory@hotmail.com](mailto:torringtonhistory@hotmail.com).

Local resident Tim Lasiuta has written a book of his own, *The Mystery of Mi-chig-Wun Creek*.

He describes it as "a story about Torrington, and in particular, two young friends who go on a journey to find treasure on the local creek. Mi-Chig-Wun is Cree for Kneehill, and in the early 1900s, the area was known by that name."

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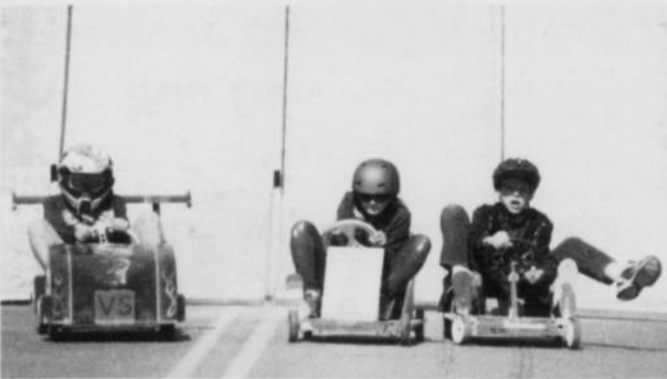
# DIDSBURY SOAP BOX DERBY

► More than 300 spectators watched the event. Reid Nichols, left, and Andrew Maitland wait in their cars during the Didsbury Soap Box Derby on Hwy. 582 on June 18.



▲ Madison Schultz races along Hwy. 582 to the delight of the spectators at the Soap Box Derby.

▼ Lane Arthurs races along Hwy. 582 at the Didsbury Car Club's first annual Soap Box Derby.



◀ The Lions Club handed over the Didsbury Soap Box Derby to the Car Club June 18. On a perfect June day, racers competed on the Highway 582 track. From left Lane Arthurs, Madison Schultz and Austin Cartwright take off from the starting ramp during their heat.





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# Opinion

## Commentary

### Mr. Hockey

Gordie Howe played professional hockey in two eras, the post-war years named the Original Six after the six teams in the National Hockey League and the modern era of expansion and millionaire players.

His career and post-career life defines what it means for an athlete to be a role model for kids.

Born in a Saskatchewan farmhouse and raised in Saskatoon, Howe worked summers in construction to help support his Depression-ravaged family before starting his hockey career while still an 18-year-old.



**FRANK  
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Howe starred in an era when the less fortunate journeymen players faced gentle poverty after hockey, working as barroom bouncers, living in cheap hotel rooms, battling alcoholism and dying young of injuries sustained before helmets.

His signing bonus with the Detroit Red Wings in 1946 was a team jacket and he was 23 years into his career before, spurred on by his wife Colleen, he insisted that the Red Wings give him a

raise from \$45,000 to \$100,000 a year in the 1969-70 season.

When his career blossomed while he was in his 20s, the team won seven consecutive Stanley Cups from 1949 to 1955.

Howe's career paralleled that of NHL commissioner Clarence Campbell who feared that television would kill the NHL by allowing fans to stay at home to watch the games.

However, powerful general managers such as Jack Adams of the Detroit Red Wings and Frank Selkie of the Toronto Maple Leafs brushed aside Campbell's fears.

Hockey Night in Canada was launched in 1952 with a 9 p.m. start usually well into the second period.

Radio Canada broadcast Saturday night Montreal games in French. Foster Hewett became the voice of the Toronto Maple Leafs in English-speaking Canada.

Howe became a national figure in Canada. Because of television, Canadians watched him play when Detroit was in Toronto or Montreal.

In his personal life he was the faithful husband of one wife, whom he dated for four years and married in 1953.

He was the father of two sons, Marty and Mark who entered the ranks of professional hockey and played with their father.

He was also a loyal older brother to Vic who also played in the NHL for the New York Rangers in the early 1950s.

After hockey, Howe did not buy a car dealership or become a motivational speaker.

He did not become a drinker or a politician – the well-beaten paths of other players from the Original Six era.

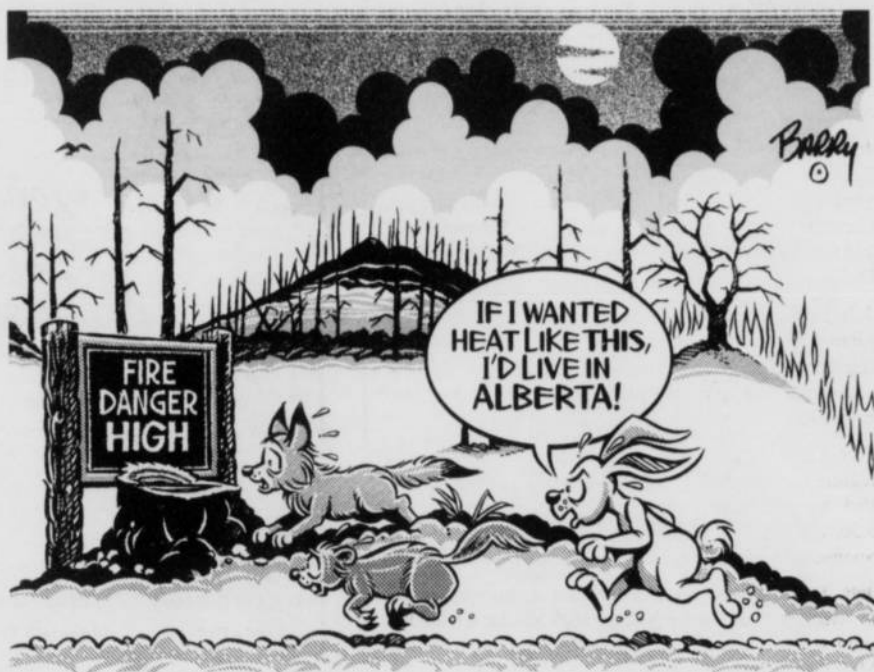
He was not as wealthy as superstars of the Modern Era, although his campaign for fairer treatment transformed player compensation.

But he and Colleen were good with their money and as modest as their means were, they were never reluctant to support causes.

Howe knew only two things: hockey and family.

And he did both so well that he became the hero of millions, including his hockey successor Wayne Gretzky, and a role model to both young and old.

When he died June 10, his title, Mr. Hockey, was also his finest epitaph.



## Letters

### Dealing with door-to-door solicitors

I've noticed a real increase in door-to-door people this season.

I've had over seven in less than two weeks. I just wanted to tell the readers my way of dealing with these people mostly for safety reasons. If I'm home, I always will open my inside door, but I keep the outside doors locked.

There's a huge risk if you don't answer your doors that someone will see that as an opportunity that they have been looking for to rob someone. When I'm in the garden, I always keep the doors locked. I don't buy anything from someone that comes to my door, ever. I say no thanks once and shut the door.

I've noticed them taking the number from the front of my house. In turn, I get as much of a description as I can and if I see a vehicle, I get the plate number. One person over and above the number I've mentioned came back four times that I knew of, and bombarded me with personal ques-

tions such as if I was living alone and if I owned and so on.

I said I don't know and asked that individual to leave. The fourth time I told them not to come back again or I could and would call the police. That seemed to work and I haven't seen them since.

If you do feel threatened, do call the police and there will be a record in the event that something does happen in the community. Here's a fun fact for everyone as well. Once any of these people comes off your front porch and approaches you anywhere on your property, you can and should charge them with trespassing.

If it's your preference to indulge anyone that does come to your door regardless of the reasons, just be safe.

**Karen Kay  
Didsbury**

### Assisted death is not the answer

What is wrong with society?

We are asking the government to make a law giving doctors the power to kill their patients. Is that what they trained for all those years in medical school?

I thought their mission was to heal and ease suffering. Isn't that what "medical assistance in dying" means? At least they promise "to do no harm."

Why are we asking them to use violence against their patients? Or do you think that lethal injections are not violent? We banned them against criminals.

Dying is a natural process, although admittedly, a difficult one. So is being born, and we don't want to interfere with that process, do we?

Except in the case of abortions, of course. But there is no violence in that is there? Anyway, it is all legal, or is it?

Are we surprised when teenagers want to commit suicide? Life is hard for them as well.

Are we surprised when people go on killing sprees? Killing is all too commonly used in our society as a means to solve problems, but it creates more problems than it solves.

What happened to "thou shall not kill"?

**Anne Wasch  
Carstairs**

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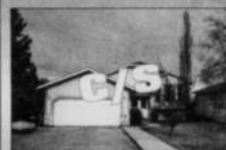
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**\$334,900**

## 302 Westview Greens



Top floor condo apartment unit, 2 bedrooms, 9' ceilings, west side location with balcony with beautiful view of the golf course, 25 + age restriction

**\$174,900**

## 9 Valarosa Court



Large pie shaped walkout lot, backs onto green space, ready for a quick possession to build your dream home, no GST applicable

**\$93,900**

## 5 Valarosa Point



Beautiful new home, 1441 sq ft blevel, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood and tile, 9' ceilings, awesome ensuite bath, large rear deck, backs onto green space/creek with open view

**\$359,900**

## 9 Valarosa Way



Brand new build in Valarosa, 1266 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, maple hardwood, vaulted ceilings, 22 X 24 garage, large lot, close to walking trails

**\$345,225**

## 2 Bluebird Drive



Well maintained newer family home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, open plan, great kitchen with tons of cabinetry and island, good start on basement dev, R.V. parking, fenced yard

**\$314,900**

## 1 Westpoint Drive



Great value for this 2400 sq ft home, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, hardwood, tile, open plan, wood stove, inflow heat in basement, huge bonus room, large lot

**\$399,900**

## 2113 - 17 Avenue



3 + 1 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, low maintenance exterior, large lot, front and rear access to heated double garage, nice location in a quiet cul-de-sac

**\$244,900**

## 76, 5210 - 65 Ave, Olds



Nice unit in Silver Lynx Park adult section, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceiling, open plan, 1520 sq ft, large deck, lot rent includes lawn care and snow removal

**\$149,900**

## 26 Deer Coulee Drive



1900 + sq ft 2 storey with 4 bedrooms upstairs, 2 1/2 baths, partially finished basement with in floor heat, huge country kitchen, gas fireplace, large lot in a great location

**\$369,900**

## TO BE MOVED



1975 single wide mobile with large addition to be moved, 4 bedrooms, 1404 sq ft total, family Lx, room, \$10,000 cash back for moving costs is included in price

**\$29,900**

## 2027 - 19 Avenue



Local Coin Laundry Business! opportunity to run your own business and own the building too, great potential, ready for a new owner

**\$100,000 +GST**